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SUBJECT: PUBLIC SECURITY PUBLISHES BOOK AGAINST BIN LADEN

11. (U) EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED A COPY OF A BOOK PUBLISHED (IN VIETNAMESE) BY THE PEOPLE'S PUBLIC SECURITY PRESS SOMETIME SINCE SEPTEMBER 11 ENTITLED "THE LIFE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST OSAMA BIN LADEN (MANY SECRET THINGS)." IT INCLUDES PHOTOS OF THE SUSPECTED TERRORISTS CONNECTED WITH THE SEPTEMBER 11 HIJACKINGS, ACCOUNTS OF BIN LADEN'S PAST LIFE, APPARENTLY FACTUAL ACCOUNTS OF HIS ACTIVITIES SINCE UNCLASSIFIED

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1979, AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART PLACING HIM DIRECTLY OVER AL
QAEDA WITH LINKS TO OTHER GROUPS AS WELL AS COMMITTEES ON
RELIGION, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, INFORMATION, AND FINANCE
WHICH HAVE "BASES" (OR "FOUNDATIONS") IN COUNTRIES/PLACES
INCLUDING THE CANADA, US, FRANCE, GERMANY, SPAIN, NORWAY,
SWEDEN, NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, CHECHNYA, ALBANIA, MAURITIUS,
KAZAKHSTAN, UZBEKISTAN, TAJIKISTAN, ALGERIA, TUNISIA, MALI,
NIGERIA, CONGO, UGANDA, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, TANZANIA, SOMALIA,
ERITREA, OMAN, QATAR, SUDAN, EGYPT, LIBYA, IRAN, LEBANON,
JORDAN. AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, INDIA, CHINA, BANGLADESH,
BURMA, PHILIPPINES, MALAYSIA, AND INDONESIA. IT PROVIDES
WHAT IT DESCRIBES AS INFORMATION FROM A JUNE 1999 ARREST
WARRANT FOR BIN LADEN, AS WELL AS THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT
BUSH'S SEPTEMBER 20 REMARKS TO CONGRESS. IT ALSO DISCUSSES
THE TALIBAN.

- 12. (U) EMBASSY CONTACTS INDICATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A BRISK SALE IN THIS PUBLICATION, AND IT CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE.
- 13. (U) COMMENT: IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THE PUBLIC SECURITY APPARATUS WOULD PUBLISH WHAT APPEARS TO BE A STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND CRITICAL ACCOUNT OF BIN LADEN AND HIS ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. THIS INITIATIVE IS HELPFUL IN GETTING THE WORD OUT TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ABOUT THIS SOURCE OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO TRANSLATE THE ENTIRE TEXT BUT WILL POUCH A COPY TO THE DEPARTMENT IF REQUESTED.

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